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SUBJECT: GUZMAN'S FIRST WEEK IN OFFICE

1. FROM THE FLYING START IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS
INAUGURATION LAST WEEK, PRESIDENT GUZMAN HAS CONTINUED
TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO INSTALL HIS OWN PEOPLE IN KEY POSITIONS
THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT. THE MAKEUP OF THE NEW REGIME
REMAINS ONE OF A MODERATE, EVEN CENTER-RIGHT COLORATION,
ALTHOUGH IN HIS MOST RECENT APPOINTMENTS TO SECOND LEVELS
OF CABINET AND OTHER AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES, MORE AND MORE
ACTIVISTS OF THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD)
ARE BEGINNING TO APPEAR.

2. IN ANOTHER GESTURE TO THE MORE PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS
IN THE PRD, THE NEW PRESIDENT ALLOWED THE RELEASE OF HIS
FIRST "POLITICAL PRISONER"--JOSE IGNACIO MARTE POLANCO, A
CONVICTED CASTRO ESPIONAGE AGENT, THE ONLY ONE KNOWN TO
HAVE BEEN CAUGHT HERE--WHILE HIS PARTY PROPOSED LEGIS-
LATION IN THE SENATE THAT COULD AMNESTY NEARLY 200
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OTHER POLITICAL DISSIDENTS DETAINED FOR ONE REASON
OR ANOTHER.

3. OVERALL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE APPOINTMENT OF
PARTY LOYALISTS, INDEPENDENT TECHNICIANS, PROMINENT
MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY--AND THE RETENTION OF
THE RESPECTED FOREIGN SECRETARY VICE ADM. EMILIO JIMENEZ--

GUZMAN APPEARS TO BE FULFILLING HIS PROMISE TO NAME QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THE MAJOR CABINET SURPRISE, OF COURSE, REMAINS THAT OF MGEN. RAFAEL ADRIANO VALDEZ HILARIO AS ARMED FORCES SECRETARY AND CHIEF OF STAFF. HIS APPOINTMENT WAS THE VERY FIRST TO EMANATE FROM THE NATIONAL PALACE ON AUGUST 16 AND IT SET IN MOTION A CLEAN SWEEP OF "BALAGUER'S" GENERALS FROM POWER; SOME 75 DECREES NAMING OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT FIGURES HAVE SINCE FOLLOWED.

4. BELOW ARE BRIEF SKETCHES OF THE KEY OFFICIALS IN GUZMAN'S GOVERNMENT. MORE DETAILED BIOS, WHERE NECESSARY, WILL BE PREPARED.

5. CABINET APPOINTMENTS:

A. SECSTATE FOR THE ARMED FORCES - FORMER BGEN PROMOTED BY GUZMAN TO MGEN AND DESIGNATED ACTING LGEN, VALDEZ HILARIO HAS BEEN SUBSECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ARMED FORCES AND LATER ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF (APRIL 1970 - AUGUST 1971) UNTIL BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE LATTER POST FOLLOWING A RUN-IN WITH MGEN NEIT NIVAR SEIJAS. AT THE TIME OF HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT, VALDEZ WAS SUBCHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY. ALSO AT ONE TIME AMBASSADOR TO HAITI, VALDEZ, NOW 57 WITH 37 YEARS ARMY SERVICE, IS A CONSERVATIVE ANTI-COMMUNIST WHO IS NOT, HOWEVER, OPPOSED
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TO GRADUAL SOCIAL CHANGE. HE IS LINKED TO NEITHER OF THE TWO MAJOR MILITARY FACTIONS (THSE OF NIVAR AND MGEN ENRIQUE PEREZ Y PEREZ), BUT IS DEFINITELY NOT A FRIEND OF NIVAR'S. DESPITE HIS FAILURE DUE TO POOR PERFORMANCE TO COMPLETE THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE IN THE CANAL ZONE IN 1967, HE IS A FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. HE IS ALSO CONSIDERED CRITICAL OF MILITARY GRAFT, A PROFESSIONAL IF NOT BRILLIANT SOLDIER, A GOOD LEADER, AND AN OPPONENT OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CIVILIAN GOVERNING PROCESSES (SEE DAO SANTO DOMINGO IR 68270166-78).

B. SECSTATE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS - VICE ADMIRAL RAMON EMILIO JIMENEZ, JR., ALREADY IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT. HIS RETENTION SERVES SEVERAL OF GUZMAN'S PURPOSES: (1) IT PUBLICLY CONFIRMS GUZMAN'S WILLINGNESS TO EMPLOY MEMBERS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, IF COMPETENT; (2) PROVIDES AN ELEMENT OF CONTINUITY; (3) FAVORS AN OFFICER ASSOCIATED WITH THE PEREZ Y PEREZ MILITARY FACTION (WHILE NIVAR WAS BOUNCED AND PEREZ Y PEREZ KEPT HIS JOB); (4) CIRCUMVENTS DIFFICULTIES FINDING A FOREIGN MINISTER ACCEPTABLE TO GUZMAN. (HE DID NOT LIKE THE TOP PARTY CANDIDATE, DR. EMILIO L. FERNANDEZ)

C. SECSTATE OF AGRICULTURE - HIPOLITO MEJIA IS
A NATIVE OF THE CIBAO. UNTIL ENTERING GOVERNMENT HE WAS
VICE PRESIDENT OF PORTELA INDUSTRIES, AN AGRICULTURAL
PROCESSING FIRM. MEJIA IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF ANPA,
A DOMINICAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. HE HAS BEEN AN
IMPORTANT IF NOT THE PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR TO GUZMAN,
HIMSELF AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT. MEJIA HAS HAD SOME TECHNICAL
TRAINING IN THE U.S. (NORTH CAROLINA) AND, WHILE HE
SPEAKS LITTLE OR NO ENGLISH, IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE SEVERAL
HUNDRED AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS TRAINED AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY OVER
THE PAST DOZEN YEARS AND WHO ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE
IN HELPING TO SHAPE THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT.

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D. SECSTATE OF EDUCATION, FINE ARTS AND WORSHIP -
JULIO CESAR CASTANOS ESPAILLAT, A 54-YEAR OLD LAWYER, RETURNS
TO PUBLIC LIFE AFTER A LONG STRETCH IN PRIVATE LAW. CASTANOS
HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE AS A TEACHER OR IN EDUCATIONAL
ADMINISTRATION. ONCE CONSIDERED A STRONG LEFTIST, CASTANOS
SERVED AS RECTOR OF THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO
DOMINGO (UASD) TWICE BETWEEN 1962 AND 1968, ATTEMPTING AT
ONE POINT TO USE HIS LEFTIST CREDENTIALS TO BRING STUDENT
RADICALS TO SOME MODUS VIVENDI WITH MORE MODERATE UNIVERSITY
ELEMENTS. OVERCOMING YEARS OF DIFFICULTY OBTAINING U.S.

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VISAS DUE TO THE NEVER-PROVEN ALLEGATION THAT HE WAS A COMMUNIST, CASTANOS PARTICIPATED IN OUR IV PROGRAM IN 1973. VERY BRIGHT, AND SOMEWHAT PHILOSOPHICAL, CASTANOS HAS BEEN A FRIEND OF THE EMBASSY FOR MANY YEARS. HE HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS BOTH IN THE PRD AND AMONG REFORMISTAS.

E. SECSTATE OF FINANCE - MANUEL JOSE CABRAL, 40 YEARS OLD, WAS BORN IN SANTIAGO INTO ONE OF THE DR'S LEADING FAMILIES. BEGINNING WITH SECONDARY SCHOOL HE STUDIED ABROAD, REMAINING OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR TWELVE YEARS. FOLLOWING PREP SCHOOL IN THE U.S. HE RECEIVED A BA IN ECONOMICS AND A MBA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM HARVARD. CABRAL ALSO STUDIED AT THE INTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES IN THE HAGUE AND AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. FROM 1964 - 1965 HE WAS ACTING MANAGER OF THE TAVARES FIRM, A RUM DISTILLERY AND DEPARTMENT STORE. AFTER THAT TIME HE WAS DEAN OF THE CATHOLIC MADRE Y MAESTRA UNIVERSITY IN SANTIAGO. CABRAL SPEAKS PERFECT ENGLISH.

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F. SECSTATE OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE - RAMON BAEZ ROMANO, NEW TO GOVERNMENT, WAS BORN IN SANTO DOMINGO IN 1929. HE IS PRESIDENT OF BAEZ AND RANNIK, A SHIPPING FIRM, AND INTERCONTINENTAL SEGUROS, A JOINT VENTURE WITH CONTINENTAL INSURANCE OF NY. HIS WIFE IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN; THE COUPLE HAS TWO US-EDUCATED SONS, AND BAEZ SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. HIS FRIENDS SAY HE TOOK THE JOB "TO INFLUENCE THINGS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION--AT LEAST TO TRY TO KEEP THEM FROM GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION."

G. SECSTATE OF INTERIOR AND POLICE - VINCENTE SANCHEZ BARET IS A NATIVE OF COTUI, OF WHICH HE WAS AT ONE TIME THE MAYOR UNDER TRUJILLO. HE JOINED THE PRD IN 1963 AND CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED 22 TIMES DURING BALAGUER'S PRESIDENCY. SANCHEZ WAS GUZMAN'S CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, CONTRIBUTING SUBSTANTIALLY TO HIS VICTORY. THREE OF HIS EIGHT SIBLINGS ARE INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT: LORENZO IS PERSONAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT GUZMAN, LEONORA A CONGRESSMAN WOMAN FROM THE NATIONAL DISTRICT, AND OSCAR JUST JOINED THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ODC). SANCHEZ, WHO IS SINGLE, UNTIL RECENTLY WAS DISTANT WITH THE EMBASSY, BUT NOW SEEMS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD IT.

H. SECSTATE FOR LABOR - CESAR AUGUSTO ESTRELLA SAHDALA, AGE 46, WAS BORN IN SANTIAGO AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO LAW SCHOOL, RECEIVING HIS DOCTORATE IN 1958. HE THEN ENTERED THE LABOR SECRETARIAT. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SALARY BOARD, AND LATER AS THE UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR UNDER THE TRIUMVERATE UNTIL HE BROKE WITH DONALD REID CABRAL. HE WAS VICE MINISTER OF LABOR IN THE 1965 REBEL GOVERNMENT. HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN SECRETARY GENERAL AND VICE PRESIDENT. ONE OF
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ESTRELLA'S BROTHERS WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TRUJILLO'S ASSASSINATION, AND LATER KILLED. ESTRELLA HAS A REPUTATION FOR HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND ABILITY AND IS WELL RESPECTED BY LABOR, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT.

I. SECSTATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE - DR. JOSE RODRIGUEZ SOLDEVILLA, 44, IS A GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO. HIS SPECIALITIES ARE GENERAL SURGERY AND PHARMACOLOGY. HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL HOSPITALS, SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE MUNICIPAL CLINIC OF THE NATIONAL DISTRICT AND PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY AND PHARMACOLOGY AT UASD. SOLDEVILLA HAS SERVED ON THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AS DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL MATTERS OF THE PRD. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

J. SECSTATE OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATION - RAFAEL COROMINAS PEPIN IS AN ENGINEER FROM SANTIAGO AND A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UASD IN 1952 HE DID FURTHER STUDY IN SPAIN. HE HAS TAUGHT ENGINEERING BOTH AT THE UASD AND AT MADRE Y MAESTRA IN SANTIAGO, AND HAD BEEN RECTOR OF THE INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE SANTIAGO. HE APPARENTLY HAS HAD A FLOURISHING CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. IN ANOTHER LINE, HE HAS SERVED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER EL SOL.

K. SECSTATE OF SPORTS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION - JESUS DE LA ROSA CANO IS A 52-YEAR OLD NATIVE OF SANTO DOMINGO. A FORMER NAVAL OFFICER, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMAND POST OF THE REBEL FORCES DURING THE 1965 REVOLT, WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE DOMINICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. DE LA ROSA LATER SERVED IN THE ARMY AS MILITARY ASSISTANT TO FIDEL DESPRADEL ROQUE, LEADER OF A POLITICAL GROUP CONSIDERED UNDER THE CONTROL OF COMMUNISTS AND PRO-CASTROITES. DE A ROSA STUDIED EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY IN MADRID AND ALSO
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HAS A DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY. A FORMER FPROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO, HE HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOKS. ONCE A BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL PLAYER, HE IS WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN SPORTS CIRCLES.

L. SECSTATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - HECTOR INCHAUSTEGUI CABRAL, A CONFIDANT OF GUZMAN, IS A WELL-KNOWN POET, WRITER AND JOURNALIST WHO ALSO HAD AN ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC CAREER DURING THE TRUJILLO YEARS AND HAS BEEN IIN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT SINCE THEN. BORN IN BANI IN 1912, HE BEGAN HIS JOURNALISTIC CAREER ON HIS FATHER'S PAPER EL ESFUERZO, BUT IN FOUR YEARS MOVED TO LISTIN DIARIO WHERE HE ROSE TO BE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND CHIEF EDITORIALIST AT AGE 26. IN 1947 HE WAS MADE FIRST SECRETARY AND THEN CHARGE D' AFFAIRS FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN HAVANA. HE SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO (TWICE: 1950-1953; 1957)
TO VENEZUELA (1953), TO ECUADOR (1955), TO EL SALVADOR
(1956) AND TO BRAZIL. HIS OTHER NUMEROUS POSITIONS
INCLUDE SUBSECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS

(1954), SUBSECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND FINE ARTS (1954), DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BELLAS ARTES (1958), DIRECTOR OF RADIO SANTO DOMINGO, TELEVISION (1962):H SUB- SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, BELLAS ARTES AND CULTURE (1962): ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE (1962): DIRECTOR OF RADIO CARIBE (1962) AND PRESIDENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (1964). FROM 1969 UNTIL RECENTLY, INCHAUSTEGUI WAS VICE-RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA MADRE Y MAESTRA. IN FEBRUARY, HE RESIGNED TO RESUME HIS LITERARY PURSUITS AS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AND STAFF ADVISOR TO THE RECTOR. INCHAUSTEGUI, AMONG HIS MANY ACTIVITIES, HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. MARRIED, HHE HAS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN SON WHO PRACTICES MEDICINE IN MICHIGAN.
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M. SECSTATE WITHOUT PORFOLIO-MILTON RAEAEERARA, A NATIVE OS SAMANA, WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRD IN SANTIAGO. HE IS ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT OF GUZMAN'S CORE-GROUP IN THE PARTY.

6. MILITARY APPOINTMENTS:

A. CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY-ENRIQUE PEREZ Y PEREZ'

RETENTION, CONTRASTED WITH THE FIRING OF THE THREE OTHER CHIEFS OF STAFF AND GENERAL NIVAR, INDICATES GUZMAN'S COUNTING ON PEREZ Y PEREZ FOR SUPPORT. PEREZ Y PEREZ HAS BEEN PICTURED IN THE PAPERS PAYING A VISIT TO EXPRESS HIS THANKS TO GUZMAN AND TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE MILITARY IS LOYAL TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

PEREZ Y PEREZ ALREADY IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT.

B. CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE-MAJOR GENERAL (PERMANENT RANK BRIGADIER GENERAL) ALFREDO SEGUNDO IMBERT MCGREGOR IS ONE OF TWO BROTHERS WHO WERE RETIRED FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING INVOLVED IN THE WESSIN Y WESSIN PLOT IN 1971 (THEY DENY IT). BOTH WERE ALLOWED BACK IN 1975. (BROTHER MARIO ALFREDO IMBERT MCGREGOR HAS JUST BEEN APPOINTED SUBSECRETARY OF STATE OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE AIR FORCE.) BOTH BROTHERS RECENTLY TOLD A U.S. OFFICIAL THAT THEY ARE INCENSED OVER THE INVOLVEMENT OF MILITARY OFFICERS IN BUSINESS (ALTHOUGH ALFREDO HAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN HIS SHARE OF GRAFT), ANXIOUS TO SEE THE MILITARY GET INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GUZMAN. ALFREDO HAS EXPRESSED AN INTENSE DISLIKE FOR GEN NIVAR. ALFREDO, WHO WAS BORN IN 1929, IS A RATED PILOT WHO HAS
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HAD SEVERAL FLIGHT COMMANDS AND HAS SERVED AS AIR ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE. APPARENTLY SOMETHING OF A HOTHEAD, HE WAS ACCUSED IN 1973, WHILE IN RETIREMENT STATUS, OF APPEARING INTOXICATED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE OF THEN POLICE CHIEF LLUBERES MONTAS (THE MAN WHO HE NOW REPLACES AS CHIEF OF STAFF) AND ATTEMPTING TO BREAK IN AND ASSAULT HIS ONCE AND FUTURE COMMANDER.

C. NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF-VICE ADMIRAL (PERMANENT RANK-REAR ADMIRAL) FRANCISCO A. AMIAMA CASTILLO, AGE 47, IS ONE OF THE NAVY'S MOST PROFESSIONAL AND WELL-PREPARED OFFICERS. CLOSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER JIMENEZ, AMIAMA HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS RECENT CAREER AS SUBSECRETARY OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR THE NAVY. IN THIS POSITION HE INTERMITTENTLY HAS WORKED FOR YEARS ON THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE ARMED FORCES (WHICH IN ITS FINAL FORM ONLY PARTIALLY REFLECTED HIS INPUT). AMIAMA IS A COUSIN OF ONE OF THE SURVIVING ASSASSINS OF TRUJILLO (LUIS AMIAMA TIO) AND, THUS, IN SOME MILITARY QUARTERS, SUSPECT. A GRADUATE OF THE DOMINICAN NAVAL ACADEMY (1951), HE ALSO ATTENDED THE PERUVIAN NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (1957-1958), AND HAS BEEN NAVAL ATTACHE IN CUBA (1958-1961) AND WASHINGTON (1963-1964). HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. RECENTLY HE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A MID-CAREER COURSE FOR NAVAL OFFICERS.

D. COMMANDER OF THE FIRST BRIGADE-BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMIRO MATOS GONZALEZ IS A RARE COMBINATION OF TROOP LEADER, INTELLECTUAL AND ARTIST. HE IS CREDITED WITH SUCCESSFULLY ROUNDING UP CAAMANOS GUERRILLAS IN THE 1973 INVASION, AND IS CONSIDERED AN EXPERT ON GUERRILLA WARFARE. HIS EXCEPTIONAL REPUTATION AS A SOLDIER ALLOWS HIM PUBLICLY TO PURSUE HIS ACTIVITY AS A SCULPTOR WITHOUT RIDICULE FROM HIS COMRADES. MATOS, WHO WAS BORN IN AZUA IN 1927, IS A GRADUATE OF THE ARMY CADET SCHOOL. HE ALSO HAS BACHELOR DEGREES IN PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS, PLASTIC

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ART AND MUSIC. FOLLOWING CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE AS A

TROOP COMMANDER, HE WAS COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN BRIGADE (1968-1970) AND PROMOTED TO GENERAL IN 1971. HE ALSO HAS BEEN ARMY COMPTROLLER, VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, AND SUB-SECRETARY OF THE ARMED FORCES (1975). HIS MOST RECENT POSITION WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTRY. MATOS HAS

MADE TWO TRIPS TO THE U.S., THE LAST IN 1975 AS PART OF THE IV PROGRAM. AN ACTIVIST WHO DELIGHTS IN TAKING CHARGE, HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THE MILITARY SHOULD BE APOLITICAL.

E. CHIEF OF POLICE-MAJOR GENERAL (PERMANENT RANK-BRIGADIER GENERAL) ROBINSON BREA GARO'S RETENTION BY GUZMAN ACCORDS WITH BREA'S REPUTATION FOR BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH ALL MAJOR FACTIONS AND PARTIES. BREA, WHO TOOK OVER AS POLICE COMMANDER RECENTLY WHEN GENERAL NIVAR WAS GIVEN THE FIRST BRIGADE, IS A VETERAN OF 27 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE. PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED CHIEF, HE WAS FOR

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SEVERAL YEARS THE ASSISTANT CHIEF (EXECUTIVE), FILLING ONE OF THE TWO SECOND-RANKING JOBS. HE ALSO HAS COMMANDED THE NORTHERN DISTRICT. IN MEETINGS HELD OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, BREA HAS IMPRESSED EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS BEING CAPABLE, INTELLIGENT AND WELL-MEANING.

F. ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE (EXECUTIVE) -BGEN JOSE FELIX HERMIDA, 41, JOINED THE ARMY AS A CADET IN 1955 AND TRANSFERRED TO THE NATIONAL POLICE IN 1961. HE HAS ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON AND HELD NUMEROUS COMMANDS WITHIN THE POLICE, INCLUDING THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

G. ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE (ADMINISTRATIVE)-
BRIGADIER GENERAL BENITO MONCION LEONARDO JOINED THE
NATIONAL POLICE AS A ENLISTED MAN AT AGE 17 IN 1951, AND
BECAME AN OFFICER IN THE EARLY 1960'S. HE ATTENDED THE
INTERNATIONAL POLICY ACADEMY IN PANAMA IN 1962 (SPECIALIZING
IN RIOT CONTROL AND CIVIL DISTURBANCE); LATER RETURNED AS
AN INSTRUCTOR, AND THEN ATTENDED THE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON
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IN 1966. HE WAS INVITED TO NEW YORK TO OBSERVE NY CITY
POLICY CRIME FIGHTING TECHNIQUES IN 1966. MONCION HAS HELD
NUMEROUS POLICE COMMANDS AND HEADED THE POLICY ACADEMY.
HIS MOST RECENT JOB WAS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION.

7. NATIONAL PALACE:

A. TECHNICAL SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY-LEOPOLDO
ANTONIO ESPAILLAT NANITA, AND ARCHITECT, IS A 46 YEAR
OLD NATIVE OF SANTO DOMINGO. A LONG TIME MEMBER OF
THE PRD, HE NEVERTHELESS HAS HELD JOBS IN THE MINISTRY
OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER TRUJILLO AND IN THE TECHNICAL
SECRETARIAT UNDER BALAGUER.
ESPAILLAT LEFT THAT POSITION, ALONG WITH FIVE OTHERS,
TO FORM A PRIVATE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM AFTER BECOMING
DISILLUSIONED WITH BALAGUER'S PERSONAL STYLE OF RUNNING
THE GOVERNMENT. THE PRD'S LEADING TECHNICAL EXPERT, HE
WAS THE PRINCIPAL FORCE BEHIND THE PARTY'S PLATFORM, "THE
PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT." HE IS HIGHLY TRUSTED BY GUZMAN.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY-
JOSE MARIA HERNANDEZ ESPAILLAT'S MAJOR APPARENT DISTINCTION
IS HIS MARRIAGE TO PRESIDENT GUZMAN' DAUGHTER SONIA. A
LAWYER, HERNANDEZ WAS EDUCATED AND TAUGHT LAW (FOLLOWING
STUDIES IN FRANCE) AT THE UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA MADRE Y
MAESTRA IN SANTIAGO.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE SUBSECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY-
SONIA GUZMAN KLANG DE HERNANDEZ, THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER
AND WIFE OF JOSE MARIA HERNANDEZ (ABOVE). SHE IS CONSIDERED
ONE OF GUZMAN'S MOST INFLUENCIAL AND INTELLIGENT ADVISORS.
AGE 31, A LAWYER WITH A MASTERS IN EDUCATION., SONIA HAS BEEN
VICE-RECTOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA
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MADRE Y MAESTRA WHERE HER HUSBAND TAUGHT. BOTH SHE AND HER

HUSBAND WERE ACTIVE IN GUZMAN'S CAMPAIGN.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE SUBSECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY-
LORENZO SANCHEZ BARET IS A 36-YEAR OLD LAWYER WHO DID
POST-GRADUATE WORK IN NEW ORLEANS. HE IS THE BROTHER
OF THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND POLICE.

8. OTHERS:

A. ATTORNEY GENERAL- CAONABO ARTURO FERNANDEZ
NARANJO IS A LAWYER WHO WAS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME
COURT UNDER JUAN BOSCH'S CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. BORN
IN JULY 1918 IN SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS, FERNANDEZ HAS
OCCUPIED POSITIONS RANGING FROM PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO
JUDGE DURING HIS LONG LEGAL CAREER. ALSO A FORMER AMBASSADOR
TO COLOMBIA, HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM HIS POST REPORTEDLY
FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S ORDER TO ASSURE THAT
A DOMINICAN BEAUTY CONTESTANT WIN A RECENT BOGOTA PAGEANT.
FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, FERNANDEZ HAS PRACTICED LAW. HE
IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PRD AS EARLY AS 1963.

B. GOVERNOR OF
THE CENTRAL BANK-EDUARDO FERNANDEZ
PICHARDO IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. A PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
WHOSE PROSPEROUS FIRM REPRESENTS COOPERS AND LYBRANDS, FER-
NANDEZ LAST YEAR WAS PRESIDENT (PERHAPS THE FIRST DOMINICAN)
OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IN 1977, HE ALSO WAS
PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, A PRIVATE
ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. ACTIVE
IN NUMEROUS CIVIC GROUPS, SOME PTD MEMBERS CONSIDER
HIM TOO CLOSE TO THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR THE
JOB. FERNANDEZ APPEARS TO TAKE A CONSERVATION LINE
ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.
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